# Alaska State Legislature

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# Memorandum

DATE:

May 4, 2021

TO:

Senator Click Bishop, Co-Chair Senate Finance Committee

Representative Kelly Merrick, Co-Chair

**House Finance Committee** 

FROM:

Senator Gary Steven

Senate District P

Representative Sarah Vance

**House District 31** 

RE:

Reappropriation Request

Attached is a reappropriation request for your consideration.

We would like to reappropriate the unexpended balance of the Homer Harbor Sheet Pile Loading Dock appropriation to the City of Homer for Harbor Fire Cart Replacement. Attached is: the amending language; the original language from section 1, chapter 18, SLA 2014, page 10, lines 31-32, and supporting back-up documentation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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### **City of Homer State Re-appropriation Request:**

### **Harbor Fire Cart Replacement**

The City of Homer requests a re-appropriation of State Legislative Grant funds to replace two Harbor Fire Carts, essential equipment for fire protection in Homer's Port & Harbor, protecting valuable port infrastructure and providing a vital service to the maritime community when disaster strikes.

Homer's Volunteer Fire Department provides first response marine fire protection to over \$30 million in infrastructure including the Deep Water Dock, the Pioneer Dock, a fish offloading dock, barge haul out facilities, load and launch ramps and nearly 1,000 slips for marine vessels from 20 feet to 110 feet in length.

Tidal fluctuations ranging up to 26 feet at maximum tides requires that firefighting resources are staged with the floating docks, rather than shore based. Harbor Fire Carts are specialized equipment uniquely capable of filling this need. They are compact, powerful, motorized fire apparatus containing firefighting equipment required for full service response: a 20-gallon AFFF foam tank, a high capacity CET portable pump able to deliver sea water and/or the AFFF foam to two attack lines simultaneously, a set of irons for forcible entry and LED scene lighting. Standard operating procedures require that harbor officers stage at least 2 working Fire Carts at every fire for safety.

Seven fire carts are located strategically throughout the 5-miles of harbor floats. Each is stored in a heated and insulated shed accessible only to the trained Harbor Officers and deployed when there is a fire or threat of a fire in port infrastructure or on a moored vessel. On many occasions they have saved vessels and prevented the devastating and costly spread of fire in the small boat harbor.

This project seeks to replace two of the fire carts which are presently over 30 years old. Aggressive and ongoing repairs have allowed these apparatus to function well beyond their 20-year service life. However, the two needing replacement have begun failing due to the harsh marine environment and age.

This is a high priority Capital project for the City of Homer.

Project Total Cost: \$50,000 (\$25,000 per cart)

State Re-appropriation: \$35,234 City of Homer Match \$14,766

Project Contact: Jenny Carroll, Special Projects Coordinator

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### **AMENDMENT**

### OFFERED IN THE SENATE

**HOUSE DISTRICT 31** 

TO: Reappropriation Bill

\* Sec. A. HOUSE DISTRICT 31. The unexpended and unobligated balance, estimated to be \$35,234, of the appropriation made in sec. I, ch. 18, SLA 2014, page 10, lines 31 - 32 (Homer, harbor sheet pile loading dock - \$350,000), is reappropriated to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development for payment as a grant under AS 37.05.315 to the City of Homer for harbor fire cart replacement.

\* Sec. B. Section A of this Act takes effect June 30, 2021.

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